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SUBJECT: Topic for Discussion at DCI Breakfast Meeting  
with Secretary Haig on 6 October 1981.

Situation in Eastern Chad

The recent hit-and-run military campaign of Hissein Habre's Armed Forces of the North (FAN) against the three eastern Chadian towns of Guereda, Adre and Iriba ended late last month. Following the brief FAN occupation of the three towns, Chadian Government losses were estimated at about 200 men killed, numerous wounded, 14 transport vehicles and four armored vehicles destroyed or captured, and several heavy weapons captured. The Libyans also lost one MI-24 gunship helicopter and one Siai-Marchetti SF-260 aircraft to FAN ground fire. Another Marchetti SF-260 crashed as a result of pilot error. Libyan casualties are put around 25, with 13 confirmed dead. FAN losses were only moderate, about 23 killed.

FAN units are [redacted] planning future guerrilla operations against Libyan installations in the area. Libyan units appear to be resupplying and reinforcing. Libyan aircraft have repeatedly violated Sudanese airspace and fired on Sudanese civilian targets, and these penetrations have alarmed both the Sudanese and the Egyptians.

[redacted] will be flying weapons and ammunition [redacted] in the western Sudanese desert within the next week. Habre should be preparing for a nighttime guerrilla raid on the Libyan-reinforced town of Am Zoer late this month or early November, depending on how long it takes him to resupply.

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